

REMARKS

Claims 72-85 were pending. Claims 1-71 and 79-85 have been cancelled without prejudice. As such, claims 72-78 are currently pending.

Claims 72-78 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 as indefinite on the basis that “fibril” is purportedly a trademarked term. However, a search of the USPTO trademark database on TESS does not reveal any such relevant trademark term for “fibril”. Furthermore, a search of the USPTO patent database yielded 416 patents (including the patent cited for the next rejection) with the term “fibril” in the claims. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 72-78 are definite and removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 72-78 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,294,144. Applicants respectfully disagree with this rejection. Nevertheless, without acquiescing to the merits of this rejection and solely to expedite the allowance of these claims, Applicants hereby file a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,294,144 to obviate this rejection. Thus, removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

As such, Applicants respectfully submit that its pending claims 72-78 are in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

No extra fee is believed due. If there are any additional fees, the Director is authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

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